

Amendment To The Specification

Page 7, line 25 – Page 8, line 21, please replace the paragraph with the following:

It is understood that while treatment apparatus (10) is shown in a rounded rectangular configuration, the present invention is not meant to be so limited. Other structural configurations are appropriate for this invention, for example, pyramid, spherical, hemi-spherical, two-sided/garment bag and other configurations. Treatment apparatus (10) can be any appropriate size and shape to achieve the desired volumetric sizes disclosed herein. Fastener (16), which seals opening (14), can comprise virtually any known sealing device such as zippers, tape, ZIP LOCK® seals and hook and loop type fasteners, for example VELCRO®. In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the apparatus (10) comprises a fastening means to secure the zip (16) in closed position. It has been found that there is a risk of accidentally opening the container (12) while the apparatus (10) is running. There is some risk of injury for the user as apparatus may contain very hot vapors, and/or such compounds as ozone. There is also a risk that the user be injured by inhaling very small particles of nebulized refreshing/clearing composition, which will go very deep into the respiratory system, which can be undesirable or unhealthy to the user. The fastening means can be of any suitable sort that allows to block the zip (16) in closed position. In a first embodiment, it is achieved by a hook onto the movable portion (38) of the zip (16) that is caught by a buckle of the stationary portion (36) of the zip (16). Once the user has closed the container (12), the movable portion (38) of the zip (16) is close to the buckle, so the user can fasten the zip by passing the hook into the buckle. In a second and preferred embodiment of the present invention, the fastening means is achieved by a system similar to the ones used for fastening the seatbelts in cars or planes. In addition, this system is completed by an electrical security latch that is linked to the main power switch of the apparatus. Once the container is closed, the user fastens the zip to lock it. Once the user pushes on the main switch to start a cycle, an electrical contact makes the fastening means impossible to unlock until the end of the cycle.

Page 11, line 19 – Page 12, line 12, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The vent is preferably selected from the group consisting of the natural permeability of the flexible material, seams created between sheets of the flexible material, seams between the container opening and the flexible material, a void space in the container material, and mixtures thereof. By void space in the container material it is meant that the vent can be any appropriately sized hole or opening. The filter (30) can also be a component of the apparatus. The filter (30) is preferably located at the top of the apparatus (10), as shown in figure 1, or at the bottom in either close proximity to the fan (34), thereby removing the need for a vent and the apparatus may then work in close system or under the cover plate in close proximity to the ultrasonic nebulizer (24). Preferably the filter (30) is in close proximity, e.g. adjacent, to the vent. Even more preferably the apparatus, most preferably the

vent comprises a humidity sink, e.g. condenser (32) for condensing vapors before they are emitted from the container. Preferably the filter comprises an absorbent material, for example, activated carbon, to absorb fugitive chemicals, perfumes, and malodorous compounds before they are emitted to the exterior of the container. Most preferably, the filter is a low-pressure filter that has a low resistance to air. Typical of such filter are commercially available from AQF under the trade name CPS® or from MHB filtration. Preferably, part up to the total surface of the air circulation device, e.g. fan may be covered by the filter. If part of the air circulation device is covered, loss of the perfume through the filter is minimized whilst when the whole air circulation device is covered one can have the air circulation device automatically switched off upon the end of the cycle thereby enabling deposition of the perfume onto the garment. Condensers and filters are well known to those skilled in the appliance arts.

Page 12, line 30 – Page 13, line 18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The water and actives, that is, the “cleaning and refreshment composition”, or “fabric treatment composition” (these two terms are used interchangeably throughout this description and are intended to mean the same thing), can be added to the container in any appropriate way. The composition can be poured into the bag, poured into a reservoir that feeds into the ultrasonic nebulizer/humidifier, canisters can be used to inject the composition, or an absorbent substrate saturated with the composition can be placed in the bag. Substrates and compositions suitable for use in the methods of this invention are described in greater detail below. It is understood that those skilled in the art will know of other methods of adding actives to the container and those methods are within the scope of this invention. In a preferred embodiment of this invention, the refreshing and cleaning composition is contained inside a bottle that is removably connected to the apparatus. More preferably, the bottle is a recharge that is not refillable and comprises a pierceable cap. By pierceable cap, it is meant a closure that comprises a pierceable membrane. Preferably, the membrane is an elastomeric pierceable membrane that is inserted and maintained onto/into the cap. More preferably, the membrane is made such that once it has been pierced, it ~~reeluses~~ recloses so as to be substantially leak-tight. For example, leak-tight reclosable pierceable membranes can be made out of a laminate elastomer/PET membrane.

Page 14, line 26 – Page 15, line 10, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The mechanical elements of apparatus 10 comprise, as a minimum, ultrasonic nebulizer (24) (as a humidity provider), a main heating element (25) that allows to raise the temperature of the air inside said container, and as discussed above, an air circulation device (34). Preferably, the apparatus also comprises a temperature controller. The ultrasonic nebulizer serves to “vaporize” the cleaning and refreshment composition into a very fine mist. The vaporized cleaning and refreshment

composition raises the humidity within the interior void space (19) of container (12), thus, the ultrasonic nebulizer works as a humidity provider. In contrast, temperature controller (20) is preferably active, that is the temperature is read with temperature probe (21) and this temperature is sent back to temperature controller (20). Based on the input from temperature probe (21), temperature controller (20) raises or lowers the temperature of the main heating element (25). Each of these mechanical elements will be known to those skilled in the appliance arts, and the size and power of each element can be selected based on the volume of the container (12). Many manufacturers market these elements, such as, Etri in France, Blackmann in Austria, and IRCA in Italy.